**REMARKS** 

Claims 1-53 were presented for examination, are pending and are rejected.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Cancellation of Claims** 

To reduce issues on appeal, claims 32-40, 45 and 46 are cancelled.

**Conclusions** 

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on

claims 1-31, 41-44 and 47-53 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing

comments.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please

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